an amount of around Rs. 353.65 crores have been utilised under this scheme during the last three years.

(b) and (c) As per existing Indira Awas Yojana Guidelines, the ceiling of construction assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana is Rs. 20,000/- for plain areas and Rs. 22000/- for hilly/difficult ar;as which is considered adequate for the time being. At present th;re is no proposal under consideration of the Government for raising the ceiling of construction assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana.

CAPART assistance for NGOs

1485. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHAN0RA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the financial assistance received by them from CAPART during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the names of NGOs of Andhra Pradesh which received financial assistance during the last three years from CAPART and the schemes taken up by them; and

(c) whether the functions and utilization of funds are monitored properly; if so, by whom?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected, compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Funds to States for development of rural segments

1486. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more Central funds are being allocated to various States to take up developmental projects for rural segments in the country at present;

(b) if so, the amount of funds allocated during the current financial year, as compared to previous two years, State-wise, particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(c) the amount of funds, out of the above, utilized by each State, year-wise, till date?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Funds under major rural development programmes are allocated to the States in the beginning of the year as per predetermined norms, (b) and (c) The total allocation of funds including Central and 'State share for rural development programmes and expenditure reported by the States of Rajasthan & Orissa, State-wise, for the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given below:

(Rs. In Crores)

Name of State	Total allocation			Expenditure reported		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Rajasthan	690.84	675.14	637.14	681.03	638.85	139.68 (up to Aug., 1999) 638.66
Orissa	688.03	750.42	675.17	672.63		139.87 (up to Sept., 1999)

Model Villages in NE

1487. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to reconstruct Model villages in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the basis regarding construction of Model villages; and

(c) if not, for not taking up the Model villages in phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) The idea of developing model villages by the Ministry of Rural Development is presently only at , conceptual stage.